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statement containing the information required by the member is laid on the table.

*Statement of Teachers employed in the Vernacular School, Ambalapuzha.*

| No. | Name. | Designation. | Caste. | Native place. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | N. V. Ramakrishna Aiyar... | Head Master | Brahmin | Vaikam. |
| 2 | K Nilakanta Aiyar ... | Assistant | do. | Ambalapuzha |
| 3 | S. Ramaswami Aiyar ... | do. | do. | do. |
| 4 | A. C. Sankara Variar ... | do. | Ambalavasi | Haripad |
| 5 | G. Raghavan Tirumulpad... | do. | Kshatriya | Ambalapuzha |
| 6 | R. Sundaram Aiyar ... | do. | Brahmin | do. |
| 7 | A. Sudarsana Aiyar ... | Manual Training Assistant | do. | do. |
| 8 | N. Padmanabha Pillai ... | Assistant | Nayar | Pulinkunnu |
| 9 | A. Gopalakrishna Aiyar ... | do. | Brahmin | Ambalapuzha |
| 10 | S. Kulattu Aiyar ... | Munshi | do. | do. |
| 11 | P. S. Krishna Aiyar ... | Drawing Master | do. | Trivandrum |
| 12 | K. Krishna Pillai ... | Drill Master | Nayar | Neyyattinkara |

## REGULATION ASSENTED TO BY HER HIGHNESS THE MAHA RANI REGENT.

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): I beg to submit that the Chitties Regulation Amendment Bill passed by the Council received the assent of Her Highness the Maha Rani Regent on the 3rd November, 1924, and that it has been placed in the Statute Book as Regulation I of 1100.

## DEMANDS FOR SUPPLEMENTARY GRANTS.

### DEMAND I—LAND REVENUE.

MR. S. C. H. ROBINSON (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): Sir, I beg to move for a grant not exceeding Rs. 1,920 under Demand I—Land Revenue.

As is seen from the printed list of demands for supplementary grants, this is composed of two amounts, one for Rs. 1,120 on account of the cost of a special staff of 16 accountants on Rs. 14 each per mensem for 5 months from the 1st Kumbham, 1100, for writing up the village

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registers of the Nedumangad taluk, and the other for Rs. 800 for the re-entertainment, from the 1st Kumbham 1100, of the staff reduced under I. B.—'Division Cutcherries', at the last Session. I will first deal with the entertainment of the temporary staff of 16 Accountants for the writing up of village registers in the Nedumangad taluk.

The amount asked for is meant to meet the pay of a temporary staff of 16 Accountants proposed to be entertained from the 1st of Kumbham for writing up the village registers of the Nedumangad taluk. The staff is to be entertained for a period of 6 months. As the pay of Karkatakam will have to be disbursed only in Chingam 1101 M. E., the allotment now asked for is only for the 5 months of the current year. The Accountants are proposed to be paid at the rate of Rs. 14 per mensem, like the permanent Accountants in the Department.

The survey of the Nedumangad taluk was completed in 1067. In course of time, however, it was found necessary to start a resurvey for the preparation of correct revenue accounts. A resurvey of the taluk was accordingly started in 1086 and it lasted for 6 years. Many material changes had to be introduced in the resurvey of the taluk. The 12 villages of the taluk as per the original survey were split up into 16 villages, and the revenue fields in all the villages renumbered, including those that were registered after the Settlement and up to the completion of the resurvey. The Settlement Registers prepared at the time of the Settlement have now become obsolete and been rendered useless for reference, and a new Settlement Register has to be prepared for each *pakuthi* from the land register of the resurvey, showing therein the survey numbers as per the resurvey, as also the corresponding old Survey Numbers. Again, a supplement to the Settlement Register has to be prepared showing all the changes that have come about after the completion of the resurvey operations, on account of *Puduval* registries *karanpathippu*, sub-divisions due to *pokkuvaravu*, land acquisition and rectification of settlement mistakes. After the above two permanent registers are prepared, the village periodical registers I to IV, *i. e.*, of *poramboke*, *tarisu* and *thana huchiita* lands and the register of lands classified according to the rate of assessment imposed on the land—those paying full assessment, those paying $\frac{1}{4}$ assessment, those paying $\frac{1}{8}$ assessment and those assessed at favourable rates—have to be prepared for all the 16 villages. Owing to the pressure of work in the *pakuthi*, it has been found impossible to get the registers written up. A special staff has to be appointed to bring them up to date. Of the 29 Accountants in the taluk, 13 have been detailed for *puduval* work under the Assistant Tahsildar, who has been posted to the taluk for working up the arrears under this item. There are thus only 16 Accountants left, one for each *pakuthi* for attending to the several items of work, and I assure the House that it is not possible to divert any man from the present small staff to rewrite the registers, without seriously hampering the normal work in the several villages. Nor can any Accountant be taken away from under the Assistant Tahsildar without seriously retarding the progress of *puduval* work now going on. The number of *puduval* cases in the



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taluk pending disposal at the close of Dhanu, 1100, was 3,646, and it is therefore essential that the staff deputed for *puduval* work should be allowed to continue their work undisturbed. I therefore request the House to sanction the supplementary grant.

MR. J. JOHN NIDIRY (*Changanachery* cum *Minachil*): I wish to know from Mr. Robinson whether there is any proposal to get these revised registers printed.

MR. S. C. H. ROBINSON (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): They will be printed in due course; but, at present, they will be done by the Accountants in manuscript.

MR. J. JOHN NIDIRY (*Changanachery* cum *Minachil*): Is there any proposal on the part of Government to extend this sort of revision to other taluks also?

PRESIDENT: That does not arise now, Mr. Nidiry. The changes are not so very extensive in other taluks.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*): Will Mr. Robinson assure the House that he can get through this business in five months?

MR. S. C. H. ROBINSON (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): We hope to finish it in 6 months.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*): The demand is only for five months.

PRESIDENT: The allotment for the salary for Karkatakam, 1100, is debitable only to the next year's budget. Mr. Robinson has already stated that in the course of his speech.

MR. S. C. H. ROBINSON (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): The second item is for a supplementary grant of Rs. 800 under I B—Division Cutcherries.

At the budget meeting of this Council held on the 5th August 1924, the motion under "Land Revenue" to reduce the allotment under "Establishment" for "Division Cutcherries" by Rs. 4,800 was carried. In view to give effect to this reduction, Government, in their order No. Dis. 1670 of 24/Rev., dated the 6th November, 1924, sanctioned the reduction of the whole establishment of the Division Assistant's Office at Peermade, 4 clerks on Rs. 25 to 40, one from each of the four Division Offices, and 3 clerks on Rs. 20 to 30, one from each of the Division Offices of Trivandrum, Quilon and Kottayam. Though it is quite evident from the motion and the speeches that were made in the Council at the last budget session that the intention of the member was only to do away with the Assistant at Peermade, the sum reduced was far in excess of the cost of the establishment of that officer. The sum of Rs. 4,800 reduced really represents the pay of the officer. The cost of his establishment was only Rs. 2,407 per annum and so Government were compelled to reduce some hands from the Division Offices also to give effect to the motion.

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The staff for the several offices was fixed with due regard to the actual requirements in each office during the re-organisation of the Department and the number of hands allowed then was the irreducible minimum. I may inform the House that the work in the several offices is only increasing day by day, and any attempt to reduce the staff in the offices is sure to prove detrimental to the proper working of the Department. The Dewan Peishkars have reported that the work in their offices suffers a good deal owing to paucity of hands, and it is only reasonable to grant their request by restoring the staff now disbanded. I may assure the House that, if nothing is done at present, arrears will accumulate and we will be forced to allow a temporary or special staff for the clearance of arrears in these offices being created periodically. As I have already stated, the staff fixed at the time of the re-organisation was the irreducible minimum and it cannot be reduced any further. The staff disbanded from the Division Cutcherries has to be re-entertained and the amount now asked for is to cover the pay of the 7 clerks for a period of 5 months. With the return of Mr. Cameron from leave on 23rd Dhanu, 1100, Mr. Macmillan has reverted to the British service and no one has been appointed in his place. The pay of that officer for the remaining months of the year is a saving in the Division budget and the sum of Rs. 800 required to meet the pay of the disbanded clerks proposed to be re-entertained can very well be met from the savings.

I think that I have explained clearly the necessity for restoring the disbanded staff and I hope that the House will readily allow the supplementary grant asked for.

The grant was made.

## DEMAND III—EXCISE.

MR. A. J. VAN ROSS (*Excise Commissioner*): Sir, I beg to move for a grant not exceeding Rs. 9,810 under Demand III—Excise. This amount is made up of three items. One is Rs. 750 for the payment of T. A. to the non-official members of the Excise Committee. The members of the Excise Committee had to be paid for their journeys to attend the meetings of the Excise Committee; and the amount that had to be paid is Rs. 750. This expenditure has been met from the allotment made to the Department under T. A. to officers and it has to be recouped, because the allotment will not otherwise suffice to meet the legitimate demand.

The second item, Rs. 260, is for the entertainment of a temporary staff of 2 Petty Officers on Rs. 20 each per mensem and one peon on Rs. 12 per mensem from the 1st Kumbham, 1100 in the Alleppey Customs House. I am glad to say that, under this item, there will be no extra expenditure to Government. Three men are wanted at the pier for tallying the goods passed for export. This is an important work and s now being done by the customs tindal and his men in addition to their egitimate duty which is to board every vessel on arrival and bring information regarding nationality, tonnage, etc., of the vessal. They are

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